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UNLAWFUL ATTITUDE

Of Candidates on the Executive Com-

mittee.

[Special Correspondence of THE HERALD.]

Jacksonville, February 22.—The

French have a saying—"It is the un-

expected which happens"—and no

more apt illustration of its truth ever

occurred than the performance of

John N. C. Stockton and J. M. Barre

at the recent meeting of the State

executive committee, when those

two avowed candidates, with the

aid of the Democrats who should

have known better, insisted upon re-

maining as members of the commit-

tee in the very face of the law which

forbade them to do so.

Mind you! There was no question

of abstract ethics involved. They

were not called upon to decide

whether or not it was in good

taste, or even decent, for them to re-

main as members of the committee,

being candidates. The law expressly

forbade them to do so. It says:

"No county, State or congressional

committeeman who is a candidate

before any primary election shall

act or serve as such committee man,

and any vacancy caused by such

disqualification may be filled by the

county, State or congressional com-

mittee." Act of 1901, Section 15,

Chapter 6040.

Hon. W. H. Ellis, candidate for

attorney-general, tendered his resig-

nation as a member of the commit-

tee, representing Ocala county. J. M.

Barre, a member at large, and

candidate for congress, objected to

the acceptance of the resignation

upon the plea that although one may

be a candidate, he is not actually

a candidate under the pri-

mary law and regulations until he

deposits his assessment and thus

secures the right to have his name

placed on the official ballot. There

was much debate, but Mr. Ellis in-

sisting upon his resignation becom-

ing effective, it was accepted and

his place on the committee duly

filled. Neither Mr. Barre nor Mr.

J. N. C. Stockton, also a member

at large of the committee and a can-

didate for nomination as United

States senator, had the grace or de-

centy to withdraw from the commit-

tee, although every vote they cast as

members thereof would have been

regarded as void in any legal pro-

ceeding, before any court, as being

in violation of the statute, had the

matter been put to test.

The righteous indignation at this

high-handed violation of a plain

statutory provision, as expressed by

a number of newspapers of the State,

is amply justified by the facts.

The St. Petersburg Sub-Peninsula

Sun says:—"For candidates, in the

face of an absolute law governing the

committee's acts, to arbitrarily force

their presence upon the committee,

and voluntarily remain thereon until

they created discord and dissension,

and accomplished the passage of rules

for their own benefit, was mon-

strous." And the Sun calls atten-

tion to the fact that those men were

retained on the committee by means

of their own illegal votes!

The Orlando Sentinel Reporter

says: "The proceedings of the com-

mittee, as reported, show that those

who should loudly their love for the

people, attempted, and to some ex-

tent were successful in using the

party for unfair advantage over their

opponents, and were so blinded by

their own interests that they were

ready to sink the party that they

might swim."

And the Tampa Times says: "The

attitude of certain candidates who

are members of the Democratic ex-

ecutive committee, at the meeting of

the committee in Jacksonville, in

insisting upon retaining their mem-

bership in the committee in viola-

tion of the Democratic platform and

the primary law, is certainly not to

their credit. All men who believe

in fair play must condemn and de-

spise them for taking this unfair ad-

vantage of their opponents. That it

is a great advantage no one can dis-

pute, and the fact that they have as-

sumed this attitude is ample evi-

dence that they propose to use their

positions unjustly. The technical

excuse offered, that they are not

candidates until they have paid

their assessments, is insufficient."

A FLORIDA CAZAR.

A prominent member of the Gov-

ernor's "official family" whose name

is withheld at his own request, be-

cause he is a candidate for re-nomi-

nation, is quoted as stating that in

none of Governor Jennings' recent

appointments to fill vacancies in

State offices has he made even the

slightest pretense of consulting

either his fellow officials of the State

Government or the State Executive

Committee of the party which elect

ed him.

While the "strict letter of the law"

governing party affairs does not re-

quire him to do so, the spirit of

every recent declaration of the party

in convention points unerringly to

a comity of practice which would

have impelled any other Democrat

occupying his place to a courteous

and amicable dependence upon the

advice and concurrence of his equals

in the determination of such grave

and important party matters.

Not only this, but Governor Jen-

nings has openly and persistently

violated both the spirit and the let-

ter of the recorded declarations of

party law in the making of appoint-

ments to fill vacancies in county of

fices. Pretending to abide by the

letter of the platform, he has openly

insulted the County Executive Com-

mittee of several of the counties,

and made his appointments know-

ing that those bodies were powerless

to affect his action.

Although the platform distinctly

and imperatively provides that "the

Governor shall not appoint to any

office any person whose appointment

will be objectionable to the Demo-

cratic Executive Committee of the

county in which he resides," Gov-

ernor Jennings cannot cite a single

instance in which he endeavored to

ascertain, before making an appoint-

ment, whether or not the conten-

plated appointment would be ob-

jectionable to the committee. He